TIMES-VIRGINIAN
In the Heart of Virginia's Dark Tobacco Belt
Appomattox, Virginia

ESTABLISHED 1892

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson ...... *Editors and Publishers*

Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at Appomattox, Virginia, under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Address all correspondence to the Times-Virginian, Appomattox, Va. Subscription rate: $2 a year, payable in advance. Single copy 5c. National advertising representative: Weekly Newspaper Representatives, Inc., 920 Broadway, New York City. Advertising rates upon request.

FARM PRICES DIP AGAIN

In its latest monthly price survey, the Department of Agriculture reported recently that farm prices dropped another two per cent in the month of August. This represents a farm price level six per cent below that of last year this time.

The drop means that the farm price level has decreased 12.5 per cent since the Eisenhower Administration took over in January of 1953. While the decrease in farm prices had begun before President Eisenhower came into office, that fact does not relieve the present administration from the responsibility of the continuing decline.

The latest price decreases are somewhat softened by the fast that a one per cent decline in prices paid by farmers is also reported.

It may well be there is no perfect solution to the farm problem, just as there is no perfect solution to the unemployment problem or the problem of national defense. The Government is currently aiding business to a considerable extent and letting huge contracts, which guarentee millions of profits to many big business firms. The Government does much for the worker, and the taxpayer is forced to pay taxes to carry out programs designed to maintain the security and livelihood of industrial workers.

It is not too much to expect the Government to spend some money to maintain prosperity on the farms. The key issue is keeping the expense within a justifiable limit.

The number one problem at the moment is to unload the $5,000,000,000 surplus and maintain farm prosperity. Even some GOP leaders in the Midwest, especially in the Corn Belt, where the farm pinch is now being felt severely, are realizing that the current continuing decrease in farm prices is likely to have a major effect on the 1956 Presidential election.

* * * * * * *

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NEAR 100,000,000

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. said recently that membership in the churches in the United States, of all faiths, is now 97,482,611.

This is a membership ratio of sixty per cent of all American citizens and represents a percentage gain, among the population of eleven per cent since 1940, when only forty-nine per cent of our people were members of churches.

Many Americans may not realize it, but the percentage of citizens belonging to a church was considerably lower in early American days than it is today. For example, only sixteen per cent of the population of the United States in 1855 were church members.

However, there can be little doubt that the gain since 1940 is most encouraging and it signifies a renewed interest in the church, and in religion, in the United States. The recent National Council of Churches of Christ report shows that Protestant churches in the United States have 57,124,142 members. The Roman Catholic Church has 32,403,332 members, while Jewish churches have 5,500,000 members.

Eastern Orthodox churches have 2,024,219 members, and other churches have several hundred thousand members between them, among them 63,000 Buddhists.

The rate of growth of the churches is interesting. Jewish congregations showed a percentage increase in 1954 of ten per cent. This was the highest percentage increase of all churches, and compares with the Roman Catholic percentage increase of 2.9 per cent and the Protestant churches' increase of 2.3 per cent. Eastern Orthodox membership is reported to have declined.

The largest Protestant bodies in the United States are reported to be: the Baptist church, with 18,448,621 members and the Methodist church, with 11,688,002 members. The Lutheran church has 6,818,283 members, the Presbyterian church 3,703,021, and the Protestant Episcopal church 2,660,699. In the case of the first four churches, figures cover the various branches of these various churches.

* * * * * * *

JOHN MARSHALL

The fourth Chief Justice of the United States was John Marshall, who turned many important jobs before he accepted an appointment in 1801, by President Adams, to become Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Marshall served as Chief Justice until his death, in 1835, in Philadelphia. When the Liberty Bell in the tower of Independence Hall was tolling the tidings of his death it cracked, and that is the now-famous crack which may be observed in the famous Liberty Bell.

Marshall was a lawyer, and volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War. He later served in the Virginia Legislature, and was a delegate to the convention called to ratify the Federal Constitution.

President Washington offered Marshall the post of Attorney-General in his Cabinet, but Marshall declined it. Marshall also rejected an offer to put him on the U. S. Supreme Court, as the successor to James Wilson in 1798. President Adams, in 2800, offered him the position of Secretary of War, but Marshall also refused this.

Later, he served as Secretary of State under President Adams for a short while. Marshall's main contribution to this country is his interpretation of the Supreme Court's power to decide whether an Act of Congress is constitutional or not. He insisted that only the Supreme Court could decide this, and that, unless the Supreme Court could decide what was constitutional and what was not, as it came from Congress, Congress would become an all-powerful body and the Constitution would mean nothing, nor would the Supreme Court. In this respect, his views largely prevailed, and this is his greatest contribution to the American Republic.

Marshall was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, on September 24, 1755, and died in Philadelphia on July 6, 1835.

* * * * * * *

In our opinion, enjoying the beauties of life, and helping others brings genuine happiness.

* * * * * * *

The best show on earth is the human race, and the performance is continuous and free.

* * * * * * *

It is never too late to start saving a few dollars, and we believe that they will come in pretty handy some time in the next five or six years.

* * * * * * *

Despite the opportunities open to all in the United States, every child born has a different chance, different advantages and a varying degree of good or bad breaks and circumstances to cope with.

* * * * * * *

Wouldn't it be nice if everyone was rewarded fairly for the job done, and bosses and employees were all happy with each other!

* * * * * * *

New car buyers note: Safety belts are available on most new cars.

News Report From Washington

U. S. EMPLOYMENT

For the third consecutive month, employment exceeded 64,000,000 persons in August. The total for August was 65,500,000, while in July it was 64,995,000, and for June 64,016,000, according to figures announced by Secretary of Labor James A. Mitchell.

FEDERAL JOBS DOWN

In the 1955 fiscal year, the Government had an average of 2,367,290 civil employees, drawing aggregate salaries of $9,621,000, according to Senator Harry F. Byrd. This was a slight drop in number of employees, as compared with 1954, and a slight increase in the aggregate of salaries.

WHEAT

The world production of wheat this year may be near a record level despite the existence of surplusses from previous crops, according to the U. S. Agriculture Department. While the United States has produced about seven per cent less because of its record reserve and surplus supply, Canada appears to be headed for a harvest 67 per cent above last year's small crop. The European crop is expected to be about the same as last year's. Soviet Russia is expected to harvest a larger crop than last year and higher yields are expected from Asia.

POLIO

Dr. C. C. Dauer, U. S. Public Health Service official recently predicted that the polio toll this year would fall far short of the 1952 epidemic figure, but would top the "mild" polio years of 1950 and 1951. This year's total, as of September 1, was 14,140 cases.

SCHOOL PUPILS

The Office of Education of the Labor Department has predicted a 2,000,000 increase in school enrollment this year, making the estimated total enrollment 32,000,000 pupils.

STEEL SCRAP

A plea from the Commerce Department that the export of steel scrap be drastically curtailed to ease the price for domestic mills has been rejected by the White House Council on Foreign Economic Policy.

COLLEGE EDUCATION

The average man with a college education which cost 9,000, will earn $100,000 more in his lifetime than the average male high school graduate, studies by two population experts have indicated.

LOANS TO DOCTORS

Loans of up to $25,000 each will be made annually to five doctors to aid them in establishing their practices, by the Sears, Roebuck revolving fund for the purpose.

FOREIGN MINISTERS

A simultaneous announcement from Washington, London and Paris said that the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and France would meet in New York on Sept. 27 to map coordinated tactics for the meeting of the foreign ministers of the Big Four in Geneva in October. If Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov happens to be in New York City at that time, he will be consulted, also.

BRITAIN'S FINANCES

Britain's gold and dollar reserves dropped $136,000,000 last month. They amounted to $2,544,000,000 on July 31, nearly half a billion dollars below what they were a year before that.

AUTOMOBILE MARKET

Expressing concern at the "record number" of unsold automobiles and dealer failures, a Senate Interstate Commerce Committee announced it would watch the automobile market closely "in the critical months ahead."

BRITISH ATOMIC PROGRESS

Sir John Cockroft, director of the Atomic Energy Research establishment at Hartwell, recently announced that Britain has developed an experimental nuclear reactor that produces twice as much atomic fuel as it consumes. The disclosure opened new vistas for the production of atomic power on a competitive basis with conventional power sources.

CONSTRUCTION UP

Construction activity climbed to almost $4,000,000,000 in July and raised to $23,100,000,000 the total for the first seven months of 1955. The Labor and Commerce departments said the figures are both new records.

STATE FAIR STARTS SEPT. 23

Richmond.- Despite considerable additions to the 1955 State Fair of Virginia, to be held here September 23 - October 1, the advance preparations are far ahead of any previous year, R. O. Glover, executive vice-president said today.

A major addition is the Commonwealth of Virginia building, providing permanent exhibit space of over 20,000 square feet for the various state departments and agencies, that was completed on Sept. 9. Several exhibits are now being set up with others to follow in a few days.

Five new permanent food booths have been erected along the entrance hall and in the grand area. A new facade for the agriculture department replaces damaged by a recent storm.

The State Fair of Virginia occupies 432-acre grounds immediately adjacent to the northeast [...] the city. Parking space is p[...] for 25,000 cars and Laburnum [Ave]nue, a four lane divided bo[ulevard] leads to the main gate.

President Ruiz Cortines [...] said that Mexico had achie[ved] highest economic activity in [its] history during the past months.

List Your Property With Me
WE CAN SELL IT PUBLICALLY OR PRIVATELY
J. A. WILLIAMS
Real Estate & Insurannce
Phone 4834 Pamplin, Virginia

WHY BUY STATE FARM?
Our Semi-Annual Premium Plan makes Auto Insurance payments easy-to-budget, easy-to-meet, costs you nothing extra. For more information, call me today . . .
Phones: Office 2663; Home 2089
John P. Taylor
—AGENT—
Office over Babcock Store
Dial 2663 — Appomattox

Richard D. Robinson
FUNERAL DIRECTING & EMBALMING
APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA
A Service That Is Distinctive But Not Expensive
"AMBULANCE SERVICE"
Day Phone Dial 3331 Nights & Sundays Dial 2231

. . . so why not MAKE IT AN OLDS!

Chances are you've always considered Oldsmobile a high-priced car. And it's true, it *looks* like a high-priced car . . . *performs* like a high-priced car . . . has all the prestige of cars costing many, many dollars more. *But actually, you can own a big, beautiful "Rocket" Engine Oldsmobile for less than some models in the lowest priced field.* What's more, you'll find a "Rocket" is worth far more when your ready to trade! And there never was a better time than *now* to make your move . . . *now* when Oldsmobile value is higher than ever, *now* when trade-in allowances are at their peak . . . *now* when Oldsmobile is rocketing to the greatest year in its history! So come in and try a "Rocket"! We've got one that will fit *your* pocket!

OLDSMOBILE
VISIT THE "ROCKET ROOM" . . . AT YOUR OLDSMOBILE DEALER'S!
Moses Motor Company
APPOMATTOX STATE LICENSE NO. 3 PHONE 3131
BE CAREFUL—DRIVE SAFELY!

[Chi]ck Chats

[Wh]at Is Your Flock Profit?

[Ma]ny business leaders in the poultry [in]dustry say the average flock [owner] doesn't know whether he [makes a] profit on his flock or not. [Do] you know? Do you know how [much it] costs you to feed your [flock]? Do you know how much [they] eat? Does the farm flock [pay for] itself? These are questions [you] should have answers for [to] tell you whether it is [worthwh]ile to keep chickens or not.

What's Your Cost?

[A] poultry management special[ist found] that 95 per cent of the [farmers] in one area didn't know [how m]uch feed it took them to pro[duce a] dozen eggs on their farm. [La]ck of an answer on this im[portant] item would be disastrous in [most t]ypes of businesses. It's vital[ly imp]ortant in poultry raising be[cause] 65 per cent of the cost of [producing] eggs is in the feed con[sumed].

[Because] many poultry farmers don't [know] their costs, several companies [have p]repared simple charts to help [them k]eep records of their costs. [Ea]ch chart contains three [columns] — to record the egg produc[tion, th]e feed used, and the mor[tality]. You should have some such [record] if you are raising poultry of [any ki]nd. Several farmers in a com[munity] have used simple records like [this to] compare their costs. They use [the res]ults to see if they're doing a [good jo]b of poultry raising. It will [start y]our thinking about your [costs, de]velop a friendly rivalry be[tween ne]ighboring farmers, and may [help in i]mproving your practices in [reducing] costs.

[Sa]ve A Penny

[If you are rais]ing chickens or layers is a [...on yo]ur farm, you can learn [much f]rom the experience of the [commer]cial broiler growers in the [last fe]w years. These men watch [their pe]nnies, they figure a "penny [saved is] a penny earned." And they [keep r]ecords which tell them how [much it] costs to produce a broiler. [The sam]e is true of the commercial [poultrym]an who raises eggs for the [market] and makes money doing itt. [Recor]ds tell him the whole story [and show] any weak points in manage[ment, pointing] the way toward improv[ing his] production job. Use these [tips to] help cult your costs, make [more p]rofits:

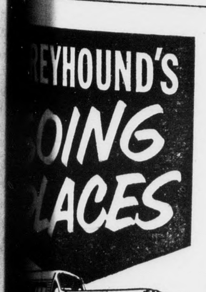
[Provide] plenty of feeder space, la[ter resu]lts show that chickens need [more sp]ace for feeding than you [might] think they did.

[Avoid] waste in feeding by using [a] scoop; avoid spilling the [feed;] the same amount of feed [in each f]eeder each time, feed more [often th]en you'll know how much [your flo]ck is eating.

[Be] wise, don't take chances. [Use feed] that contains a coccidiostat. [It will] help to lick your disease [problem] this way.

[ICE] MACHINE BURNS

[...]ury, Conn.- Rushing to an[swer an] alarm, firemen found the [...] an ice-making machine on [...]



[...] New Luxury Equipment
[...] Time-Saving Schedules
[...] Vacation Planning Service

[...] again all of Greyhound's [...] highway travel facil[ities] and services are yours [...]ay. Greyhound is Going [Places] . . . next time *you're* [going] places, take a Greyhound!

	One Way
[...], Va.	4.15
[...], Va.	1.90
[...] Beach, S. C.	7.40
[...] City, N. J.	8.05
[...]own, Md.	5.85
[New Yo]rk City	9.15
[...] City, Tenn.	4.90
[...]burg, Va.	5.65
[...] Beach, Fla.	3.60
[...], Md.	19.85
[...], W. Va.	5.35
[...], Va.	6.00

Extra Savings on Rd. Trips

[GREY]HOUND TERMINAL
[...]'s Drug Store
[...]111 Appomattox

GREYHOUND

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Nehemiah 8: 9; 10:28-39; Ezekiel 20:19-20.
Devotional Readings: Psalm 19:7-14.

House Of Our God

Lesson for September 25, 1955

WHY support churches? The first thing we need to understand about this, as Christians, is that support of the church is not optional, but a "must." During a year's time every citizen is confronted with more "causes" than most of us can keep up with. We are invited to share in many good works; orphanages, schools for the blind, boys' towns, foundations for the study of various diseases, hospitals for crippled children, the Red Cross, all sorts of things. Most of us have to decide which we shall send our few dollars to, and which not. But if a Christian thinks he has a right to decide whether or not to support the church, he does not understand what the church is. The central reason why the church calls for the support of the people of God is that it is the "house of our God."

Dr. Foreman

Here They Know You

If those poor people in ancient Jerusalem pledged themselves to support the house of God, we who are Christians have even more reason to do so. For one thing, the church is where we really belong. Where else in the world is a person recognized for what he is, a child of God? Elsewhere you are a statistic, a consumer, a customer, a tax-payer, a cost item, a voter. These may be important facts about you. But the most important fact about any human being is not that he is kin to the human race, important though that is. The big fact is that every human being is made by God, for fellowship with him. Every man alive is a child of God. Either he knows that or he does not know it. Vast numbers of the human race live as if they were orphans of the storm, they live pigs' lives like the prodigal in Jesus' parable. But no one will tell them they are children of God. No one will tell them of the Father's house, no one will recognize them for what they are. Only in the house of our God."

Here Citizens Are Trained

There are very shortsighted people who may tell you that money put into support of the church could better be spent in civic improvement, such as better schools or sanitation. On the contrary, supporting the church is the best thing that can be done for the betterment of society. It cannot be said too often: even if the church were only a listening post, even if a church did nothing at all but hold a meeting on Sunday, even if a church might as well be laid flat in ashes six days in the week, for all the work it does—still, even if it did no more than hear God's messages once a week, it would be doing a great and unique thing. For the people who hear those messages and believe them would come to know their true relation to God and their duty in his sight; they would live not as animals, not as the "beasts that perish" but as immortal sons and daughters of the Most High. Then if the church is more than a listening post, if it puts its members to work, they will be actually taught and trained in Christian living.

Here God's Will Is Sought and Taught

Are we talking about the real church or are we idealizing it? Well, of course no church is quite ideal. But taking the church by and large, these things are true, the church at its best wants them to come true, this is what it is driving at. For the church is the only place in town where large groups of people join in trying to know the will of God, and how to find it and how to do it. The church is the place where problems, personal and/or social, can and ought to be discussed in the light of God's Word and Will. It is the place where life is looked at in the light of heaven. A church that does not live up to its high calling is hardly worth support; but a church where there is a sincere effort to know what God wants for this community and for our part in it, a church where there is brave and honest opportunity for minister and people to think and to study and to speak out for God and his ways, a church which by prayer and service keeps the door open toward God, such a church is indeed a House of God; how can a Christian refuse to support it?

(Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Released by Community Press Service.)

New National Park To Be Dedicated In 1956

Richmond, Va.- Recent official establishment of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, embracing raeas of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, recalled today several Virginians who played outstanding roles in the long effort to develop the park.

Deeds to land for the park, covering about 20,100 acres, were recently given by the three states to the United States Department of the Interior at a ceremony in Washington. The park is now being administered by the National Park Service of that Department.

Plans are being made for the dedication of the new park on a yet undetermined date in the spring of 1956.

Records at the Virginia Department of Conservation and Development, which was assigned responsibility for purchasing Virginia land with legislative approprations, reveal that Thomas B. Fugate, bank president at Ewing, near Cumberland Gap, was in the forefront of the park devolpment movement.

Fugate became enthusiastic over the possibilities of a park in that area prior to his election as Ninth District Congressman several years ago. He followed up this work as congressman by pressing for the enactment of necessary federal legislation, which was approved,. He and others also strongly supported state appropriations for land purchases.

Fugate teamed up with Dr. Robert L. Kincaid, President, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennesse, who also became an enthusiastic supporter. Some of the Virginia land now a part of the park had been university property.

The first state appropriation to purchase land was made by the General Assembly under the administration of former Governor Colgate W. Darden, who evinced great interest in the project.

Others who also rendered major services were C. S. Carter, of Bristol, Chairman of the Board, Virginia Department of Conservation and Development, and William A. Wright, of Tappahannock, former Director of that Department.

Judge George C. Cridlin, of Jonesville, also rendered important aid as did Raymond V. Long, present Diretcor of the Conservation Department, who completed many final details of property purchase.

The three states made a total appropriation of about $1,250,000 for the some 20,100 acres. Virginia purchased 7,457 acres, for which the Legislature appropriated about $300,000. Approximately 10,700 acres in the park are in Kentucky and about 2,000 acres in Tennessee.

Some $112,000 has been earmarked by the National Park Service for park improvements during the current fiscal year, according to Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the Service. These include installation of utilities, interpretive devices, parking facilities, rehabilitation of various structures and some road and trail improvement work. An additional $57,000 has been made available for management, protection and maintenance, Wirth said.

Cumberland Gap, which cuts through the Cumberland Mountains, has long been famous for its significant role as a connecting link with territory west of the Appalachians. For centures prior to European settlement of this country, Indians traveled through the Gap, then one of the few passes in the barrier of mountains. Part of the "Warrior Path" lies in the park. Later, in Daniel Boone's time, this route became the "Wilderness Road."

During the War Between the States, the Gap region was of considerable strategic importance. And though no major conflict occurred there, it was the scene of skirmishes and minor engagements.

From The Pinnacle, one of the park's major scenic features, an excellent view may be had of "The Gap," and the surrounding terrain.

TWIN SISTERS BECOME MOTHERS SAME DAY

Grand Prairie, Texas.- Mrs. Robert Heien and Mrs. Edward Bennett, identical twins, gave birth to babies two hours apart at a hospital in Dallas. Mrs. Heien had a son and Mrs. Bennett a daughter. Each sister now has a family of a girl and a boy. Their husbands work for the same firm here.

COME HERE FOR REAL ENJOYMENT
It's tasty cooking such as ours that makes dining out an event to look forward to. You'll enjoy the fine service and cool comfort, too. Join us soon.
GUILL'S SNACK BAR
Main St. Appomattox

OUTHEATS 'EM ALL!
Enjoy a houseful of heat with so little fuel—
Furnace Heat—No costly pipes or registers to install or clean!
MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!
Siegler
PATENTED AUTOMATIC OIL WARM FLOOR HEATERS

EVERYBODY WANTS IT—ONLY SIEGLER HAS IT—
GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE COLD FLOOR PROBLEM!
Only Siegler's exclusive patented
TWO-IN-ONE HEATMAKER
USES HEAT THAT'S
4 TIMES HOTTER
OVER YOUR FLOORS!
SEE YOUR NEAREST DEALER OR WRITE SIEGLER, CENTRALIA, ILL.
For proof—make the Siegler 'MATCH-TEST' at your dealer—
See the BIG 4 patented INVENTIONS and plus features!
1—TROPICAL FLOOR HEAT 3—CARBON-FREE BURNERS 5—PORCELAIN ENAMEL FINISH
2—TWO-IN-ONE HEATMAKER 4—SIEGLER-MATIC DRAFT 6—CAST IRON CONSTRUCTION
Appomattox Hardware Company, Inc.
Appomattox, Virginia